

PRESS RELEASE

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**Parquest Capital invests in Eres, the leading independent player in
employee savings and pension plans**

For its sixth investment since its spin-off from ING Group in April 2014, Parquest Capital has acquired a minority stake in Eres, alongside its founding partners and its employees, as part of an ambitious development plan

Created in 2005 by its four managing partners (Jérôme Dedeyan, Nicolas Vachon, Hervé Righenzi de Villers and Olivier de Fontenay) who still hold a majority stake, Eres has since enjoyed strong and uninterrupted growth. With 1.5 billion euros of assets under management as at 30/06/16, Eres has established itself as the leading distributor of employee savings products (PEE, PEI, PERCO and PERCOI) and pension insurance products (PERP, company PERP, article 83 ...) through a network of more than 1,700 IFAs, insurance brokers and accountants.

Eres also supports its large listed and non-listed client companies with their employee share plans or their employee savings and pension schemes in France and abroad, notably by creating dedicated open-architecture funds and/or by implementing asset/liabilities management solutions for pension plans.

Eres has nearly 20,000 collective contracts and over 3,000 individual contracts totalling more than 120,000 beneficiary employees in very small companies but also large listed corporations.

The transaction represents a new milestone in the development of Eres, which aims at continuing its strong growth momentum, notably by accelerating the development of the pension insurance business.

About Parquest Capital

Created in 2002, Parquest Capital is an independent investment firm with a well-established franchise on the French mid-market segment. Formerly known as ING Parcom Private Equity and affiliated to the insurance arm of ING Group, Parquest Capital took its independence in 2014 and raised a new fund of € 300 million. Since its creation in 2002, Parquest Capital has completed 19 operations and supported the management teams of its investee companies for more than 35 add-on operations, with a philosophy of partnership with management teams, on the long-term, on ambitious growth projects.

For more information: www.parquest.fr

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